

Statutory basis: Work at Height Regulations 2005 — reg 4 requires the work to be planned, including emergencies and rescue, and reg 12 governs inspection of working platforms; LOLER 1998 reg 8 (lifting operations planned and supervised) and reg 9 (thorough examination), since the platform lifts people; PUWER 1998 regs 4, 5 and 9 (suitability, maintenance and training); Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992; CDM 2015 regs 13 and 15. This document is the recorded safe system of work required by HSWA 1974 s.2(2)(a) and MHSWR 1999 regs 3 and 5.

1 DOCUMENT AND PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

RAMS REFERENCE	PROJECT / SITE REF	SITE NAME AND ADDRESS	DATE PREPARED	NEXT REVIEW DATE
CLIENT / PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR	PLANNED START	DURATION	OPERATIVES	SUPERVISING THE WORK

2 SCOPE OF WORKS

Use of mast climbing work platforms by cladding, curtain walling and facade installers once the platform has been installed and handed over — daily checks, loading with people, panels and tools, travel, working at the building face, wind limits, breakdown with people aloft and emergency lowering, and securing at the end of the day.

This document does not cover: erection, extension, tying and dismantling of the platform (the specialist installer's), suspended cradles and BMUs (KD-RAMS-HA-001), MEWPs (KD-RAMS-PL-002), and craned panel lifts (KD-RAMS-PL-003).

SITE-SPECIFIC SCOPE, LOCATIONS AND LIMITATIONS

3 RISK ASSESSMENT — SCORE EACH RISK FOR THIS SITE, THEN ADD WHAT IS MISSING

The hazards and controls below are the starting point for this activity, written by a working main contractor. They are not complete for your site until a competent person has scored each risk, added the site-specific hazards, and struck out anything that does not apply. Rate risks High / Medium / Low before and after controls.

1. Platform overloaded with people, panels and tools

At risk: Operatives, everyone below

Controls: Rated load for each deck configuration, including extension decks, displayed on the platform and briefed; panel weights taken from delivery documents or drawings and counted with people, tools and fixings; loads spread as the manufacturer's instructions state; craned loads landed on the deck only where the instructions allow it; no load overhanging the guardrails.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

2. Falls from the platform — at opened gates, removed inboard guardrails and the gap to the facade

At risk: Operatives

Controls: Guardrails and gates closed for travel; inboard guardrails or gates opened only where the manufacturer's instructions allow it for installation, with harness restraint to the anchor points on the platform; the gap to the building face kept within the installer's handover and closed with the supplied boards where fitted.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

3. Crushing and shearing between the moving platform and the building, balconies or scaffold

At risk: Operatives

Controls: Travel route checked before each movement for balconies, brackets, scaffold and projections; nobody leans outside the guardrail or reaches to the building during travel; controls operated only by the trained operator; the platform stopped at once if anything obstructs it.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

4. Ties or mast interfered with — the mast loses stability

At risk: Everyone on and around the platform

Controls: Mast ties belong to the platform installer alone: never removed, loosened or used as a fixing by facade trades; ties that clash with panels referred to the installer, who moves them to their own method; nothing attached to or hung from the mast.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

5. Breakdown or power failure with people aloft

At risk: Operatives

Controls: The manufacturer's emergency lowering procedure briefed; a person trained in it on site whenever the platform is in use; nobody climbs down the mast; the rescue arrangements written into the plan before the first ascent.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

6. Wind beyond the platform's limit, and panels caught on the deck

At risk: Operatives, everyone below

Controls: The manufacturer's in-service wind limit displayed; wind measured on the platform; panel handling stops at the lower panel-handling limit agreed for the job; at the platform limit it is lowered to the base and secured as the instructions state.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

7. Falling objects, and vehicles or people at the base*At risk: People below, vehicles*

Controls: Base enclosure fenced and gated; exclusion below the travel path and working position; nothing thrown from the deck; toe-boards and mesh intact; vehicles kept off the base and mast by barriers.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

8. Use without checks, inspection and examination — including after the mast is extended*At risk: Operatives*

Controls: Keys held by the supervisor and issued only to trained operators; pre-use checks recorded daily; the handover certificate, the current thorough examination report and an inspection within the last 7 days checked before use; after every mast extension or alteration, no use until the installer has re-issued the handover and the examination is confirmed current for the new configuration; any defect stops the platform.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

Site-specific hazards not listed above — every site has at least one:

HAZARD	WHO IS AT RISK	CONTROLS	INITIAL H/...	RESIDUAL...	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

4 METHOD — SEQUENCE OF WORK

- Before first use and after every extension, check the handover certificate, thorough examination report and inspection record for the current configuration, and confirm emergency lowering and rescue arrangements.
- Confirm each operator is trained on the make and model and briefed on rated loads, controls and emergency lowering.
- Carry out and record pre-use checks — guardrails, gates, limits, controls, deck, base enclosure and the ties visible from the platform.
- Check the wind reading and forecast against the platform limit and the panel-handling limit.
- Load within the rating for the deck configuration, counting panel weights, spread as the instructions state, nothing overhanging the guardrails.
- Check the travel route for obstructions, clear the base, and travel with everyone inside closed guardrails.
- At the working position, open inboard gates only as the instructions allow, with restraint attached; close them before travel.
- Stop and report any fault, overload warning, tie clash or wind above the limit; lower to base.
- On breakdown, stay inside the guardrails and call the trained person, who carries out the emergency lowering procedure.
- At the end of the shift, lower to base, remove loose materials, isolate, remove the key and close the base gate.

SITE-SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS TO THE SEQUENCE**5 PLANT, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS**

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| ☐ Mast climbing work platform as installed, with handover certificate | ☐ Panel trolleys or vacuum lifters rated for the panels |
| ☐ Manufacturer's instructions and load chart on the platform | ☐ Base enclosure fencing and gates |
| ☐ Anemometer on the platform | ☐ Harness restraint lanyards |

INSPECTION / THOROUGH EXAMINATION REFS**COSHH ASSESSMENT REFS****6 PPE — THE LAST LINE OF CONTROL, NOT THE FIRST**

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| ☐ Head protection | ☐ Gloves — task-rated | ☐ Harness restraint where inboard gates are opened |
| ☐ Safety footwear | ☐ Eye protection | |
| ☐ High visibility | ☐ Hearing protection | |

RPE TYPE, FACE-FIT STATUS, AND ANY OTHER PPE REQUIRED**7 PERMITS REQUIRED BEFORE THIS WORK STARTS**

A permit authorises this work in that place, on that day. It extends the safe system of work in this document — it does not replace it (HSE HSG250). The site issues the permit; record its number before work starts.

KD-PTW-WH-006 — Work at Height Permit
For the facade access.

PERMIT NUMBER

KD-PTW-LO-008 — Lifting Operations Permit

Where panels are craned onto the platform.

PERMIT NUMBER

8 EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS — COMPLETE FOR THIS SITE

FIRST AIDER AND LOCATION	NEAREST A&E	ASSEMBLY POINT
HOW THE ALARM IS RAISED	EMERGENCY ACCESS FOR THIS WORK AREA	SPILL / ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE

9 BRIEFING RECORD — EVERYONE WORKING UNDER THIS RAMS SIGNS BEFORE STARTING

By signing you confirm the contents of this RAMS have been explained to you, you understand the hazards and controls, and you will work to the sequence stated. Tell the supervisor if the work or the site does not match this document — work stops until it does.

NAME	COMPANY	SIGNATURE	DATE

10 PREPARED AND ACCEPTED

Prepared / adapted for this site by — I confirm I have adapted this document to the site, scored the risks, and that it describes how the work will actually be done.

PRINTED NAME	ROLE / COMPETENCE	COMPANY	SIGNATURE	DATE	TIME

Accepted for the site by — principal contractor or site manager review.

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Review this RAMS if the work, the site or the law changes, and at least before each new phase of the works. Flatten the completed PDF before filing so the record cannot be silently edited.

R REVISION HISTORY

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